

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sturdivant W4817

Elizabeth

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State of North Carolina Wake County: On this 4th of September 1838 personally appeared before me Johnson Busbee one of the Justices of the peace for said County Hollom Sturdivant of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy-eight years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on oath depose and say, that William Sturdivant an older Brother of his enlisted as a private in the service of the United [States] in the revolutionary war for two years under William Massenburg, at the end of the time he came home, and stayed but a few weeks before he entered the service for two years more and if I mistake not the second time was taken a prisoner at Charlestown S. C. [Charleston South Carolina] and brought to Williamsburg Virginia and exchanged he then came home, stayed but a few weeks and enlisted the third time under Colonel Jinkins for three years or the end of the war, and stayed until the end of the war he was in the battle at Princetown [Princeton, January 3, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Charlestown S. C. [surrendered May 12, 1780] and Little York [Cornwallis surrendered October 19, 1781] & many other Battles (he said) he served seven years I believe faithfully, I think he served one time under Captain Wales, he was raised in Sussex County Virginia and married there to Elizabeth Denton in the year of 1783 or 1784, and then moved to Wake County North Carolina in 1785 and died with the Gravel in Wake County North Carolina in 1826, he left a widow and four children, his widow still living and is afflicted with pains & has not walked for four years, she has never married since William Sturdivant died, I have lived by her for fifty years, and went with my brother to get married. Sworn and subscribed before me the day above.

Test: S/ J. Busbee, JP

S/ Hollom Sturdivant, X his mark

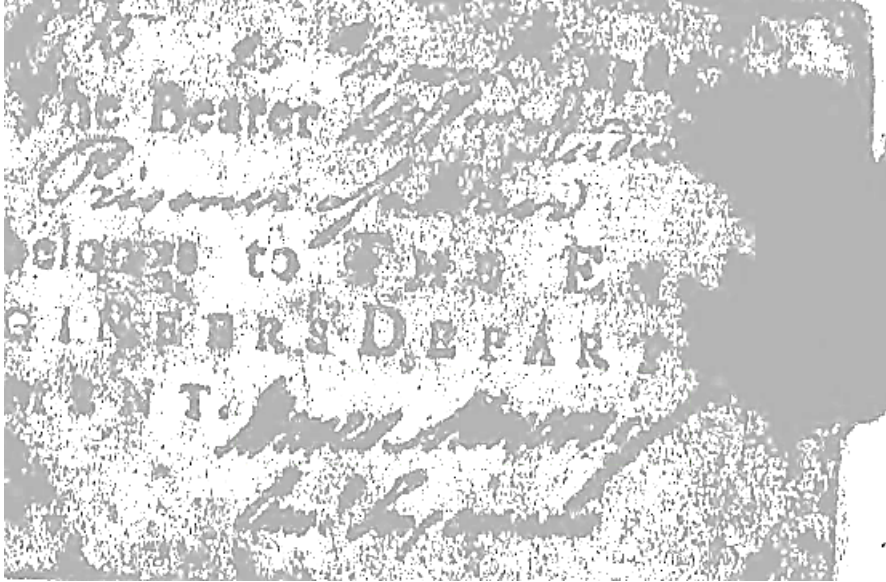
State of North Carolina Wake County: On this 6th day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Johnson Busbee one of the Justices of the peace for said County Elizabeth Sturdivant of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 that she is the widow of William Sturdivant deceased who was a private in the Militia in the revolutionary war. I have always understood that he served seven years and was in many battles also marched from Trenton to Georgia and had by him four children that is now living their ages is fifty-two, fifty, forty-eight & forty-six years she further declares that she was married to the said William Sturdivant about the 1st of January 1784 and that she has never married since and that her husband died 31st May 1826 with the gravel she further saith that she married in Sussex County Virginia and that the accompanying card is the only paper that she has in her possession that has any reference to his servitude, she sayeth further that she has been afflicted for four years and is not able to get out of

the house.

Sworn to and subscribed before made the year and date above written.

Test: S/ J. Busbee, JP

S/ Elizabeth Sturdivant, X her mark



[f p. 8: On November 15, 1839 in Wake County North Carolina, Allen Sturdivant gave testimony in court that he is the son of William Sturdivant now deceased; that about twenty-three years ago he copied from the family Bible the ages of his parents children which copy he submits to the court.

Allen Sturdivant]

[f p. 3: family record

William Sturdivant and Elizabeth Denton were married the 1 of January 1784

Sally Sturdivant the Daughter of William and Elizabeth Sturdivant was born the 20 of September 1784

Rebeckah Sturdivant the Daughter of William and Elizabeth Sturdivant was born February 20th 1786

Allen Sturdivant the son of William and Elizabeth Sturdivant was born the 20 of April 1788

Susanna Sturdivant the daughter of William and Elizabeth Sturdivant was born the 5th of March 1790

Nancy Sturdivant the Daughter of William and Elizabeth Sturdivant was born the 4th of June 1792

[f p. 15]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 19th day of March 1783, in the name of William Sturdivant, as a Soldier of Infantry for £53.14.4, which Certificate appears to have

been delivered to Colo. D. Mason and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.
Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of September 1889 .

S/ A. W. Morton, 1 Clk. AUDITOR absent

[f p. 51 Rebecca Sturdivant gave testimony on February 12, 1839 in Wake County North Carolina that she is the daughter of William & Elizabeth Sturdivant and she authenticates the family record.



Rebecca Sturdivant

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]